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CYBERTRON: A MECHANICAL WORLD WHERE THE HEROIC AUTOBOTS AND EVIL DECEPTICONS HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN A DEADLY CIVIL WAR FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS. WITH THE LEADERS OF BOTH SIDES MISSING AND ENERGY LEVELS LOW, THE CONFLICT HAS NOW BECOME CONFUSED AND DESPERATE. THIS IS THE ERA OF THE MICROMASTERS.

--AND ROLL OUT!
HEY, BARRICADE! WE GOT THE ENERGON--WHY THE SLAG DIDN'T WE BUG OUT WITH THE GUZZLERS?
BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEATEN THEM YET, YOU MORON!
NOW, MAKE YOURSELVES USEFUL AND GET ME SOME PATTERN 4Y COVER FIRE--I'M MOVIN' IN!

YOU HEARD THE BOSS!
LET'S SHOW BARRICADE WHAT WE'RE MADE OF!
SOMEBODY'S SLAVE PROGRAM'S DEFINITELY IN OVERDRIVE!
DO YOU LIKE TO WASH AND WAX HIM TOO, MOTORHEAD?
OH, FER THE LUVVA--!
HUBS! YOU WANNA TRY AIMING THAT THING, JUNIOR?
--HEY!
WHY DON'T YOU LET SOMEONE WITH SOME SKILLS TAKE A CRACK AT IT, ROOKIE? YOU MIGHT LEARN SOMETHING!
GREAT IDEA, BOLT-BAG! WE'LL START WITH ME TAKIN' A CRACK AT YOU!
KRUNK
AW, POOR ROLLER FORCE! HAVIN' TROUBLE TAKIN' CARE'A YER BIZNESS?
WHATTA YA SAY, GREASER? YA'LL READY TO ROLL 'EM LIKE WE USED'TA--BEFORE YA WENT SOFT?
UHHH...
I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S THE ROOKIE, SCRAP HEAP...
THE ONLY THING I'M ROLLIN' OVER IS YOUR DEACTIVATED CHASSIS, GROUND HOG!
LOOK OUT, THAT OTHER KID'S SHOOTIN' THE PLACE UP LIKE SOME KIND OF NUT--
WAY TO WATCH YOUR DEFENSE, BIG DADDY...BUT STAYING FOCUSED WAS ALWAYS YOUR PROBLEM BACK IN THE CYCLE, WASN'T IT?
--HUH?
--SORRY, BUT THERE ISN'T GONNA BE AN OVERTIME TONIGHT!
KRUNK
EEEEYAARHH!

...

...

...OH, *PRIMUS*...IS HE...? I DIDN'T...

WHAT THE PIT'S THE *MATTER* WITH YOU? GET YOUR CPU BACK IN THE *GAME*, OR I'LL--

PULL THIS GUZZLER *OUT* OF HERE!

SOMEBODY GRAB CRUNCH! WE NEED TO GET BACK TO AUTOBASE!

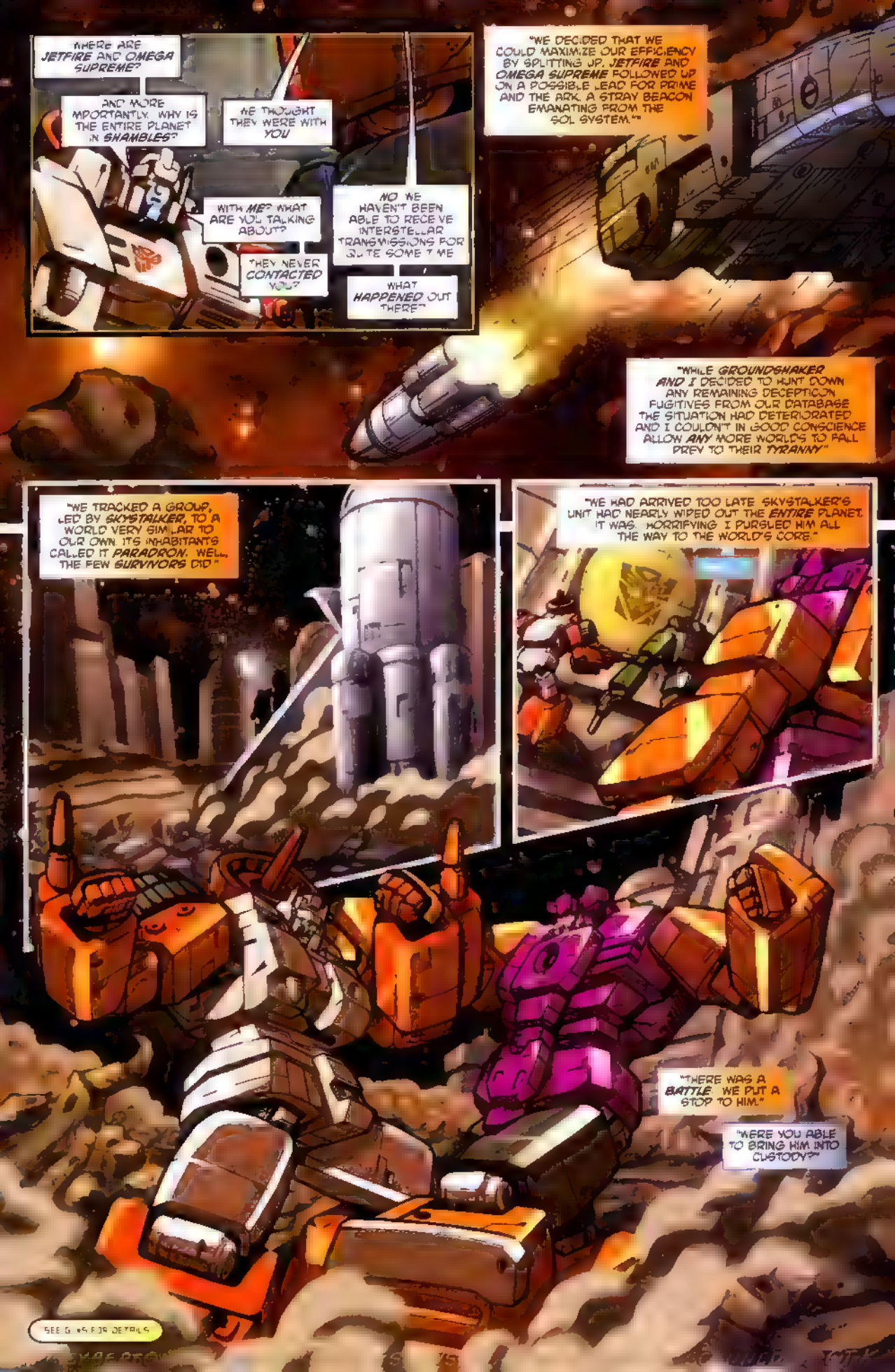
--UHH!

IACON AUTOBASE_
"--IS MORE *TROUBLE.*"
"THAT'S *ODD*... NO TRACE OF A CONTROL TOWER OR LANDING SIGNAL."
NOT EVEN A GROUND CREW.

THIS DOES NOT BODE WELL.

I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE NEEDING THAT *JUST* YET, *GROUNDSHAKER*.

WELL, *REGARDLESS*, I FEEL BETTER KNOWIN' SHE'S AT THE READY IN CASE ANY SLAG HITS THE FAN.
WHAT ABOUT *YOU?*
YOU STILL *UP* FOR THIS?
I HAVE TO BE.
IT'S NOT LIKE *WE* HAVE ANY OTHER *CHOICE*.

SO I'VE BEEN TOLD...
HEY--WHAT THE PIT IS GOING ON HERE, ANYWAY? THIS PLACE LOOKS DESERTED.
YES, IT IS A BIT--
KRRAAANNG
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
NOW, PUT YOUR HANDS--
HOLD ON THERE, TWIN TWIST... IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS...?
AEROSPACE COMMANDER COUNTDOWN--
--IS THAT YOU?
BUT...WHERE'S PRIME?
STRANGE.
I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION.

MAXIMUS, I DON'T THINK YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SEVERITY OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO COMMIT TO THAT KIND OF *OPERATION*.

RIGHT NOW, WE NEED EVERY ABLE BODY ON *THE FRONT* ALONG WITH EVERY DROP OF FUEL WE CAN SPARE.

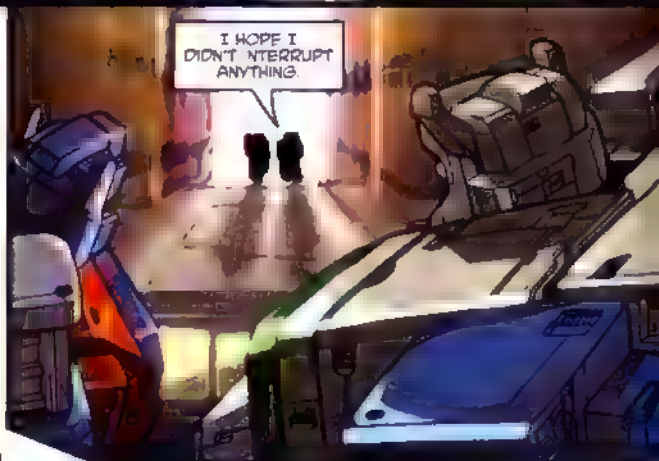
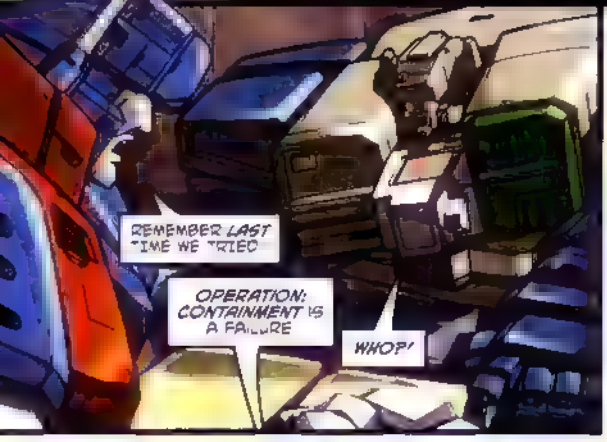
THAT'S MY POINT, *MAGNUS*. IF WE'RE DANGEROUSLY LOW ON RESOURCES, THEN MAYBE SOME SORT OF *ALLIANCE* IS OUR BEST OPTION.

A *TREATY*, IF ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME, WOULD NOT ONLY ALLOW US TO END THE CONFLICT BUT LET US TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR COMBINED RESOUR

REMEMBER *LAST* TIME WE TRIED

OPERATION: CONTAINMENT IS A FAILURE

WHOP!

I HOPE I DIDN'T INTERRUPT ANYTHING.

WHERE ARE JETFIRE AND OMEGA SUPREME?
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY IS THE ENTIRE PLANET IN SHAMBLES?
WE THOUGHT THEY WERE WITH YOU.
WITH ME? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THEY NEVER CONTACTED YOU?
NO. WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE INTERSTELLAR TRANSMISSIONS FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
WHAT HAPPENED OUT THERE?
"WE DECIDED THAT WE COULD MAXIMIZE OUR EFFICIENCY BY SPLITTING UP. JETFIRE AND OMEGA SUPREME FOLLOWED UP ON A POSSIBLE LEAD FOR PRIME AND THE ARK, A STRAY BEACON EMANATING FROM THE SOL SYSTEM.*"
"WHILE GROUNDSHAKER AND I DECIDED TO HUNT DOWN ANY REMAINING DECEPTICON FUGITIVES FROM OUR DATABASE. THE SITUATION HAD DETERIORATED AND I COULDN'T IN GOOD CONSCIENCE ALLOW ANY MORE WORLDS TO FALL PREY TO THEIR TYRANNY."
"WE TRACKED A GROUP, LED BY SKYSTALKER, TO A WORLD VERY SIMILAR TO OUR OWN. ITS INHABITANTS CALLED IT PARADRON. WELL, THE FEW SURVIVORS DID."
"WE HAD ARRIVED TOO LATE. SKYSTALKER'S UNIT HAD NEARLY WIPED OUT THE ENTIRE PLANET. IT WAS... HORRIFYING. I PURSUED HIM ALL THE WAY TO THE WORLD'S CORE."
"THERE WAS A BATTLE. WE PUT A STOP TO HIM."
"WERE YOU ABLE TO BRING HIM INTO CUSTODY?"
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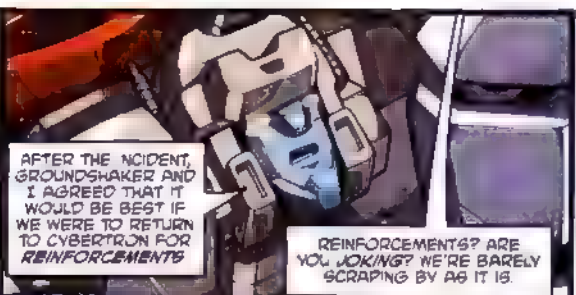
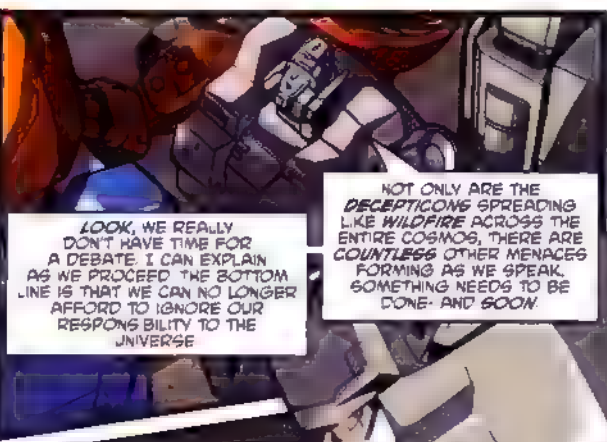
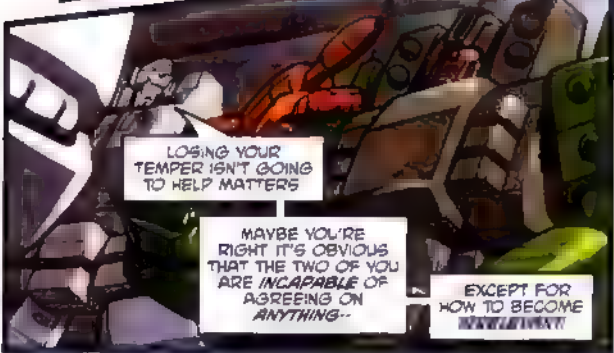
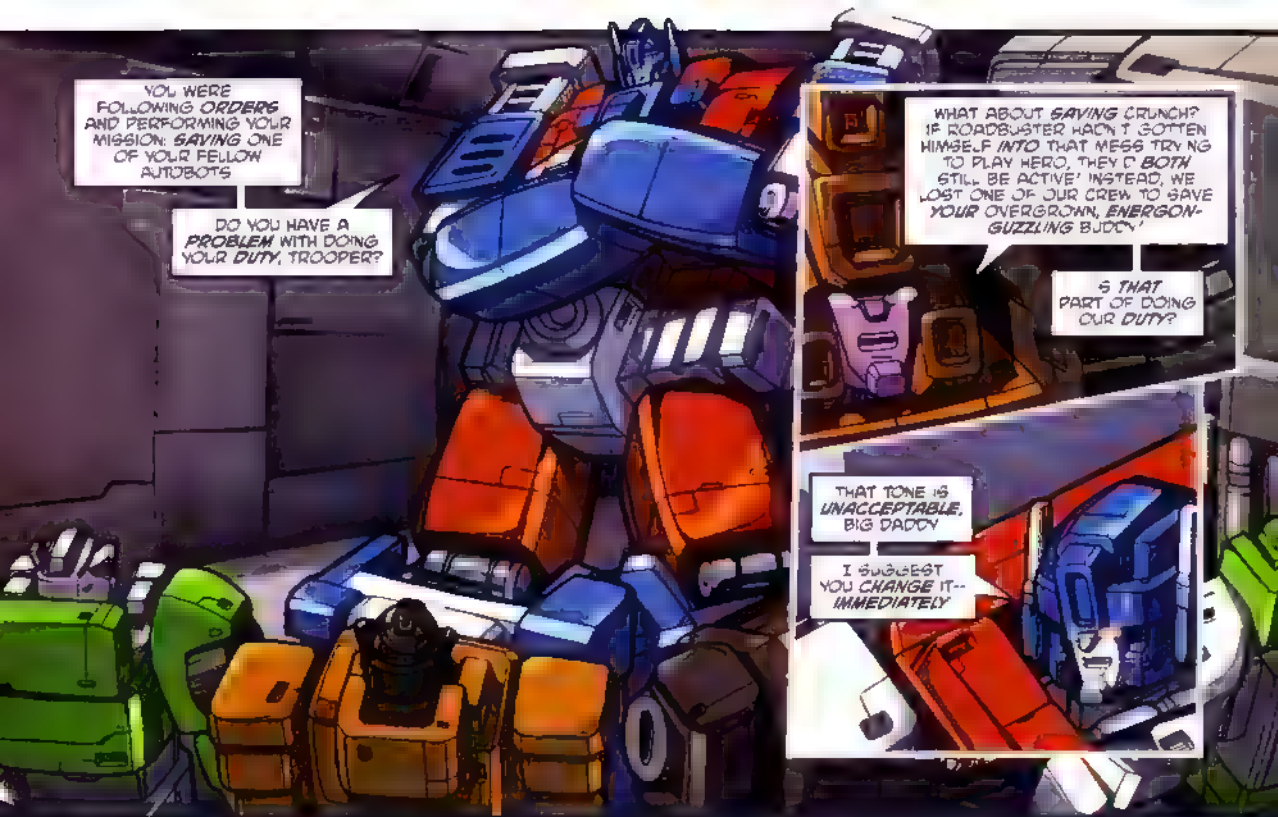

AFTER THE INCIDENT, GROUNDSHAKER AND I AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE WERE TO RETURN TO CYBERTRON FOR *REINFORCEMENTS*.
REINFORCEMENTS? ARE YOU *JOKING*? WE'RE BARELY SCRAPING BY AS IT IS.
YOU *KNEW* THAT--BEFORE WE LOST CONTACT, WE MADE IT *ABUNDANTLY* CLEAR WE COULDN'T SUPPORT YOUR MISSION ANY FURTHER.
LOOK, WE REALLY DON'T HAVE TIME FOR A DEBATE. I CAN EXPLAIN AS WE PROCEED. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO IGNORE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE UNIVERSE.
NOT ONLY ARE THE *DECEPTICONS* SPREADING LIKE *WILDFIRE* ACROSS THE ENTIRE COSMOS, THERE ARE *COUNTLESS* OTHER MENACES FORMING AS WE SPEAK. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE- AND *SOON*.
I PROPOSE A NEW *SPACE PROGRAM*--ONE DEVELOPED NOT JUST TO COMBAT THESE *POTENTIAL* THREATS HEAD-ON, BUT ALSO TO HELP *BETTER* FLEDGLING WORLDS.
"BETTER" THEM *HOW*?
MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU'VE LEFT, COMMANDER. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO, MUCH LESS *CONDONE*, DEPLETING OUR RANKS EVEN FURTHER BY BUILDING AN INTERPLANETARY ASSAULT SQUAD--
OH, COME OFF IT!
THIS IS A JOKE, *RIGHT*?!
YOU MEAN TO TELL US, THAT WHILE WE'VE BEEN OUT *THERE* RISKING OUR CHASSIS TO FIND PRIME, ROUNDING UP THESE 'CON FUGITIVES, AND MAKIN' THINGS *RIGHT* ON *DOZENS* OF WORLDS, YOU TWO HAVE BEEN SITTING HERE TWIDDLING YOUR THUMBS WHILE OUR PLANET RUNS ITSELF INTO THE *SLAGGIN'* GROUND?
OH, YEAH-- CYBERTRON'S IN *GREAT* HANDS.
CLUNK
AHEM GROUNDSHAKER...
LOSING YOUR TEMPER ISN'T GOING TO HELP MATTERS.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE TWO OF YOU ARE *INCAPABLE* OF AGREEING ON *ANYTHING*--
EXCEPT FOR HOW TO BECOME
PERHAPS IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR ME TO COME HERE.

WHAT A PILE OF SCRAP! THEY DON'T HAVE THE BOTPOWER OR ENERGY RESERVES! COME ON! YOU GOTTA BE -
JUST AN ASTROSECOND
WHY SHOULD WE EVEN BOTHER, BIG DADDY?! IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE GONNA PAY ATTENTION. YOU HONESTLY THINK THEY CARE ABOUT ANYTHING WE HAVE TO SAY?
YEAH, WELL, "THEY" BETTER START CARING
THIS TYPE OF GLAG HAS BEEN GOING DOWN FOR WAY TOO LONG.
THINGS ARE GONNA START CHANGING AROUND HERE--WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT
WHAT'S WRONG?
HNNN? OH, NOTHING.
JUST GAUGING POPULAR OPINION

MAGNUS!
WE NEED TO TALK!
BIG DADDY, THIS ISN'T
YES, IT IS!

CRUNCH IS DEAD, MAGNUS.
AT EASE, SOLDIER.
DON'T COME IN HERE BARKING AT YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICERS.
WE HAVE PROTOCOL FOR A REASON.
THEN MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN TO ME THE REASON WHY HE HAD TO DIE TODAY, HUH?!

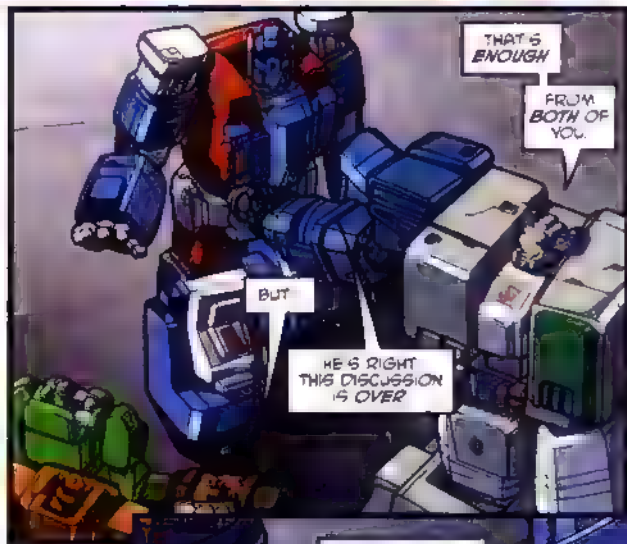
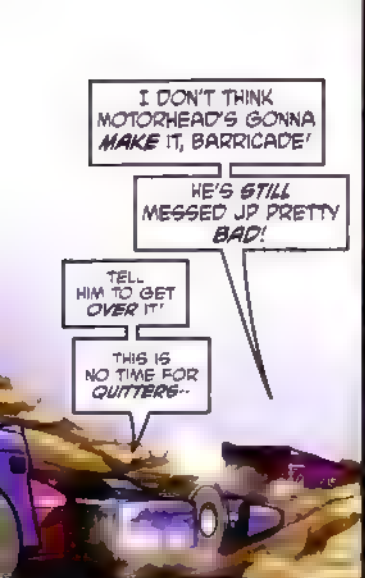
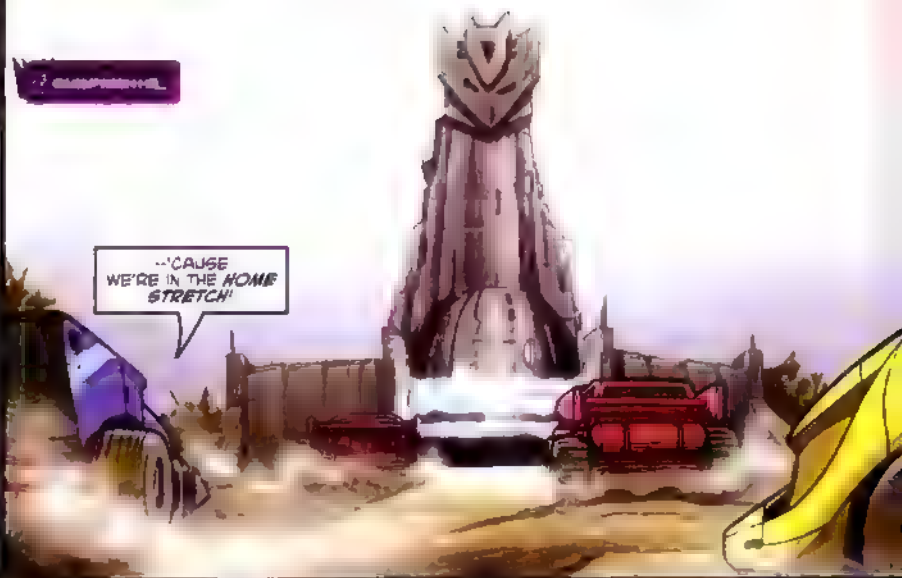
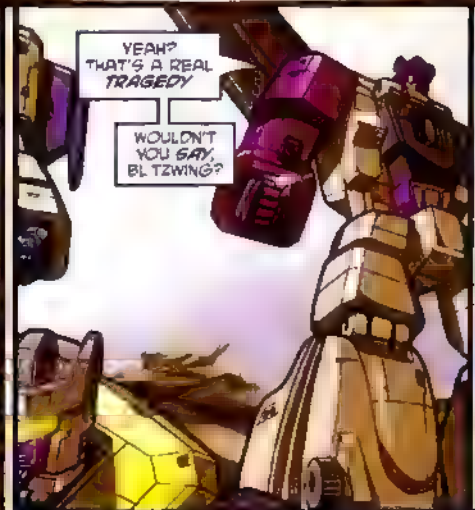
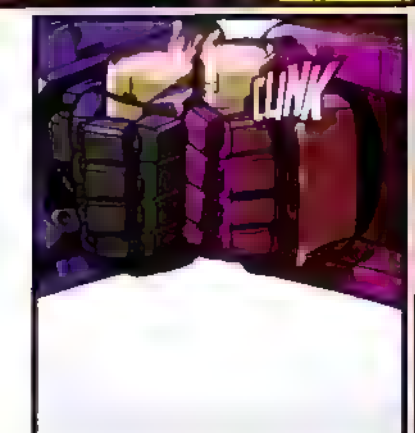
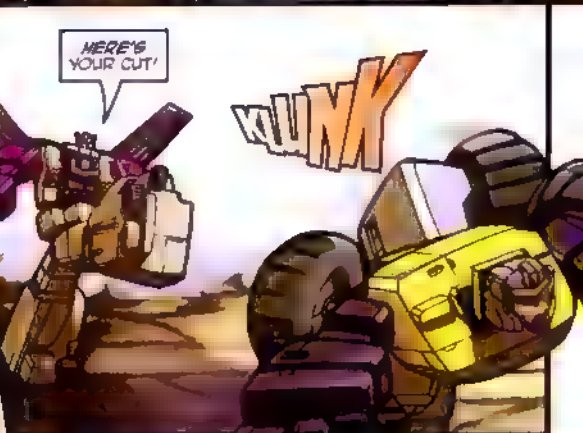
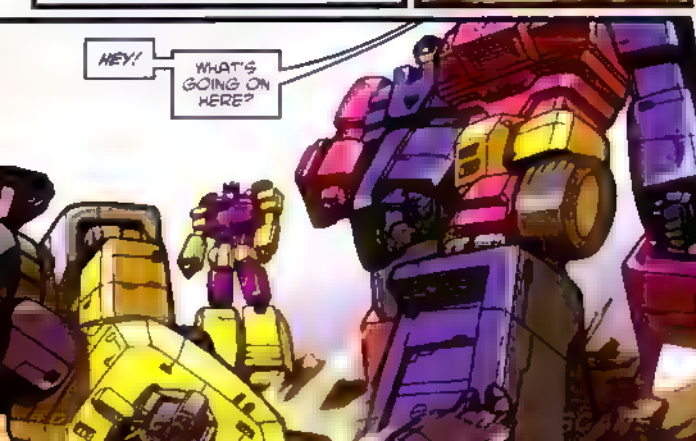
HOLD ON. HE WAS DEACTIVATED? WHAT HAPPENED?
I... SORRY, SIR.
WE... ULTRA MAGNUS SENT US ON A RETRIEVAL MISSION TO COLLECT ROADBUSTER FROM BETA QUADRANT. ALONG THE WAY, WE RAN INTO THE DECEPTICON ASSAULT SQUAD THAT AMBUSHED HIM FOR HIS FUEL CELLS. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THAT'S ENOUGH!

YOU WERE FOLLOWING *ORDERS* AND PERFORMING YOUR MISSION: *SAVING* ONE OF YOUR FELLOW AUTOBOTS.

DO YOU HAVE A *PROBLEM* WITH DOING YOUR *DUTY*, TROOPER?

WHAT ABOUT *SAVING* CRUNCH? IF ROADBUSTER HADN'T GOTTEN HIMSELF *INTO* THAT MESS TRYING TO PLAY HERO, THEY'D *BOTH* STILL BE ACTIVE! INSTEAD, WE LOST ONE OF OUR CREW TO SAVE *YOUR* OVERGROWN, *ENERGON-GUZZLING* BUDDY!

IS *THAT* PART OF DOING OUR *DUTY*?

THAT TONE IS *UNACCEPTABLE*, BIG DADDY.

I SUGGEST YOU *CHANGE* IT-- *IMMEDIATELY*.

I DON'T THINK MOTORHEAD'S GONNA MAKE IT, BARRICADE!
HE'S STILL MESSED UP PRETTY BAD!
TELL HIM TO GET OVER IT!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR QUITTERS--
--'CAUSE WE'RE IN THE HOME STRETCH!
.. H--HELP I'M.. D--DYING.
YEAH? THAT'S A REAL TRAGEDY
WOULDN'T YOU SAY, BLITZWING?
I'LL DRINK TO THAT!
CLINK
C'MON. JUST GIVE ME MY FAIR SHARE..!
HERE'S YOUR CUT!
KLUNK
HEY!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
OH, IT'S YOU.
FIGURED YOU TWERPS WOULD BE HEADING HOME AFTER ASTROTRAIN BROUGHT THE FUEL BACK.
STUFF IT, GUZZLER! I'M GETTING TIRED OF THE DOUBLE STANDARD AROUND HERE
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE FOR ME TO TELL SHOCKWAVE ABOUT THIS LITTLE SCENARIO?

"HA. YEAH. YOU DO THAT. LET ME KNOW HOW IT WORKS OUT."
--NEVER GET ANYWHERE, SHOCKWAVE, IF YOU KEEP THINKING LIKE A CALCULATOR INSTEAD OF A WARRIOR!
NEITHER OF YOU IS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INCREASINGLY POOR FUEL ECONOMY OF OUR LARGEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE WARRIORS, INCLUDING COMBINERS LIKE BRUTICUS AND EVEN
FELLOW DECEPTICONS, I ASSURE YOU THAT EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL. I'VE JUST RECEIVED VERY INTERESTING INFORMATION FROM ONE OF OUR RETURNING AGENTS.
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A MEETING TO ATTEND TO. SHOCKWAVE, OUT.
BUT--!
RACE TRACK PATROL.
ASTROTRAIN INFORMED ME THAT YOU SUCCEEDED IN RETRIEVING THE ENERGON FROM THE AUTOBOTS AND MANAGED TO WEAR DOWN ONE OF THEIR TOP WARRIORS.
CONGRA
YEAH? AND WHERE'S THAT ENERGON NOW?
IS THERE A REASON THAT THE FUEL WE BROUGHT BACK IS GETTING HOARDED BY YOUR GUZZLER CRONIES INSTEAD OF GOING TO US OR THE OTHER MICROMASTERS THAT ACTUALLY MADE THE PLAYS TO GET IT?
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW MICROMASTERS ARE BEING PURPOSELY MISTREATED? I'M SHOCKED. AND DISAPPOINTED. SURELY YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF THE LARGER DECEPTICONS ARE IN DIRE NEED OF FUEL, UNLIKE YOUR MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT COMRADES. I DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH SELFISHNESS FROM YOU, BARRICADE.
AND, IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED ANY UNTOWARD TREATMENT FROM ANYONE IN OUR RANKS, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO FILE A STANDARD COMPLAINT DATAFORM.
SO IT CAN GET FILED AWAY AND IGNORED LIKE ALL THE OTHERS WHILE WE KEEP GETTING SENT OFF ON SUICIDE MISSIONS? NO, THANKS!
THIS IS A MILITARY OPERATION. WE CANNOT NEGLECT THE FUNCTIONS WE ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM.
OH, YEAH? WATCH ME.
NOT REQUIRED TO GET TREATED LIKE SLAG.

KLUNK
HEY!
AUTOBASE ARMORY...
I HEAR YOU SCREW-UPS NEARLY LOST ROADBUSTER OUT THERE TODAY.
NICE WORK, AS USUAL.
YEAH, WE "SCREWED UP" JUST ENOUGH TO BRING YOUR GUZZLER PAL BACK IN ONE PIECE WHILE ONE OF US GOT SCRAPPED.
I GUESS THE "RANK-'N'-FILE BRIGADE" COULDN'T BE BOTHERED TO SHOW UP, HUH? TOO BUSY SALUTIN' AND KISSIN' THE BIG 'BOTS' TAILPIPES AGAIN?
WATCH YOUR VOCAL PROCESSOR, DELINQUENT! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT WEARING THIS BADGE MEANS?
FUNNY--I COULD'A SWORN IT WAS A BRAND.
TOO BAD YOU LET IT THINK FOR YOU.
YOU--
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE GROUNDHOG, SIDETRACK.
THE LITTLE GUY'S PROBABLY JUST COMPENSATING
--FOR HIS SHORTCOMI--UGH!
THUNK

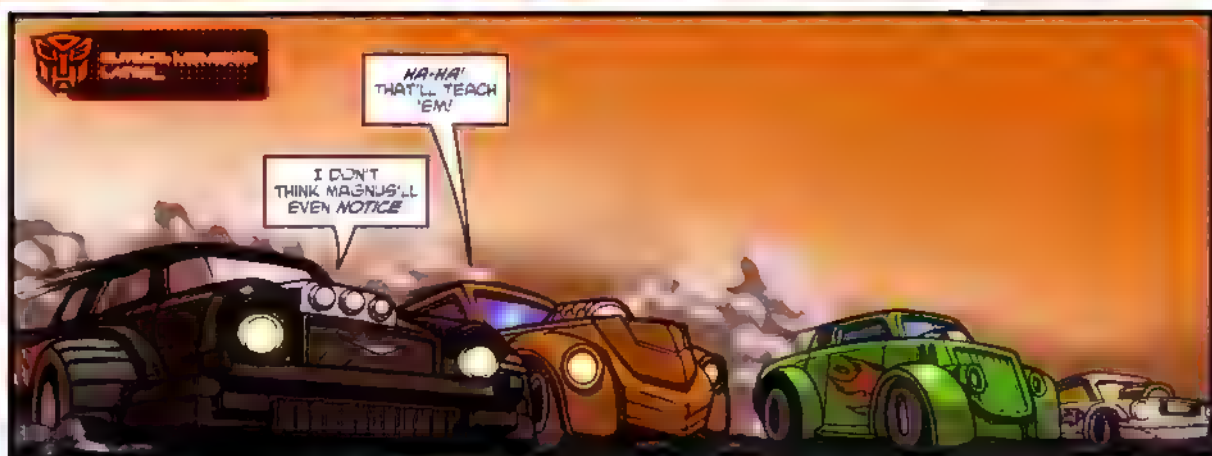
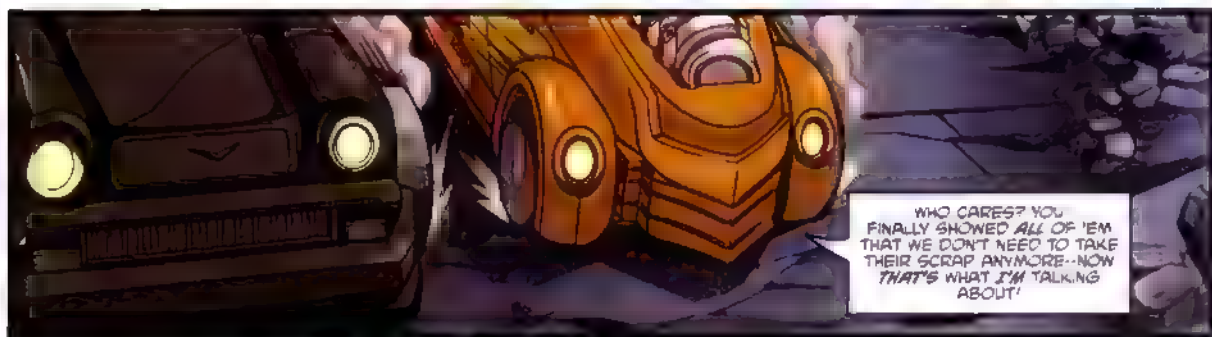
EASE BACK, RULEBOOK. YOU DON'T WANT NONE OF THIS.
IS THAT RIGHT, REJECT?
THAT'S WHAT TRIP-UP SAID, ISN'T IT? YOU WANNA TEST US?

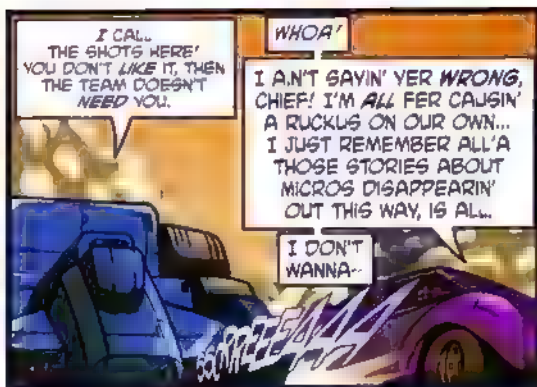
DRONE.
PUNK.
THAT'S 'BOUT ENOUGH.
AH, TO THE PIT WITH YA! I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M WASTIN' MY TIME ON YOU LOSERS. YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE DECEPTICONS, FOR ALL I CARE.
YOU'VE ALREADY GOT THE ATTITUDES, NOT TO MENTION THE RECORDS.
HEY! YOU DON'T KNOW SLAG ABOUT ME.

COOL IT.
HYDRAULIC'S RIGHT, GREASER.

THAT IS ENOUGH.

ENOUGH OF LIVING LIKE THIS. MOST OF US WEREN'T EVEN FUNCTIONING WHEN THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT.
DO YOU HONESTLY WANNA KEEP FIGHTING A WAR YOU DIDN'T START?
MOST OF THE DECEPTICONS WE'RE FIGHTING NOW ARE MICROMASTERS TOO. WE KNOW THEM! THEY WERE CREATED WITH US! DO YOU THINK THEY WANNA KEEP THIS GOING ANY MORE THAN WE DO?
THERE'S JUST NO POINT, EXCEPT FOR THE GRUNTS WHO GET OFF ON SCRAPPING EACH OTHER.
HOW MANY MISSIONS HAVE WE GONE ON? HOW MANY BATTLES? IS CYBERTRON EVEN ONE ASTROLITER BETTER FOR IT?
TELL THEM, ROAD HANDLER--YOU'VE GOT A WHOLE 'NOTHER LIFE WITH THE REST OF US, AT THE BURN-OUTS!
YOU HATE TAKING THE GUZZLERS' ORDERS AS MUCH AS I DO!
YEAH. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'D RATHER TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU.
I'LL MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS, THANKS.
YEAH, WELL, I JUST MADE MINE. I'M LEAVING.
ANYBODY ELSE?

WELL, SLAG, MICRO. THAT'S ALL YOU HADDA SAY
IF YOU'RE OUT, B.I.G., THEN SO AM I
RIGHT
SEE YA AROUND, SCREWHEADS!

HA-HA! THAT'LL TEACH 'EM!
I DON'T THINK MAGNUS'LL EVEN NOTICE

WHO CARES? YOU FINALLY SHOWED ALL OF 'EM THAT WE DON'T NEED TO TAKE THEIR SCRAP ANYMORE--NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

I DON'T KNOW IF I DID US ANY FAVORS
WE'RE STILL GONNA NEED TO REFUEL EVENTUALLY, AND NOW WE'RE ON OUR OWN. NO SUPPORT
ROLL FOR .TTLE IACON, MAYBE WE CAN SCROUNGE UP SOME FUEL THERE BEFORE THE BURN-OUTS START

WATCHING THE ROAD TOO *HARD* FOR YOU, BIG DADDY?

NO. WE'RE NOT ON THE CLOCK FOR *THEM* ANYMORE.

THESE EMPTIES MUST WANT A *REMATCH!* LET'S

STAND *DOWN*, ROLLER FORCE.

WH-WHAT?

WE CUT THE POWER CORD NOW WE'RE JUST ON OUR WAY TO THE BURNS UP IN L.I.
YEAH?
.. US TOO DITCHED THE 'CONS. WE'RE FREE AGENTS NOW.
YO, MOTORHEAD. WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?
AH, WILL YOU SNAP OUT OF IT ALREADY?!
HEY-
I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM.
DON'T ENCOURAGE HIM! THE ONLY THING "WRONG" IS THAT HE'S ACTING LIKE A WHINY LITTLE PROTOFORM!
SUCK IT UP, MOTORHEAD. NO ONE'S GONNA PUT UP WITH-
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
WHAT?
THAT!
RUN!

THEY'RE HERE!

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That catchphrase, one of the original taglines for the Transformers Micromasters toys that debuted in 1989, turned out to be as true today as when it was first unveiled. The unlikely origins of this *Micromasters* mini-series lie in the Generation One version of the *More Than Meets the Eye* guidebook. While poring over our comprehensive plan for the next few years' worth of *Generation One* stories and figuring out which characters fit where, we were faced with another task: giving personalities to the surprisingly high number of Micromasters that littered the series.

At first, it just seemed like just an extra part of the project to craft these little guys into real members of the cast. but we found ourselves asking questions about each one. What if Greaser had been a criminal before joining the Autobots? What if Countdown had gone on a mission to space and returned with a new crusade? And once we had done enough of these, we realized that we had just found ourselves a pretty much untouched, new cast of characters to explore using an era and a theme currently missing from Transformers: how would young Cybertronians, on both sides of the spectrum, react to being thrust into this endless war? We've seen the older Transformers lament the lengthy war, but what about someone who'd just been created? New Transformers being created to join the fight isn't a new story by any means, but when they've debuted in the past, they always seemed to jump into the flow like they're already "adults"...what about fully showing their learning curve and period of maturation? That's when we knew we had to tell the story of the Micromasters.

Soon, the idea began to snowball into our own reality. After all, the main focus for us since starting on the new G1 continuity has always been to try and add something of a real-world sensibility to all of these feuding giant (and not-so-giant) robots, and the concept of an eternal war where nothing relevant ever happens despite the vast amount of time involved was something that we were meaning to correct. What happens when the world loses its heroes and villains? What happens when it's then engulfed in a massive gray cloud of despair? And what happens when you're caught smack-dab in the middle of this, completely unsure of what's right, what's wrong and what any of it has to do with you? But enough about all that...back to the 'bots.

Initially devised as an energy-conserving measure for existing Transformers, several Autobot and Decepticon heroes, like Bombshock and Countdown, were downsized into their current Micromasters forms. But the process was unrefined and the risk of the procedure, along with the sheer amount of energy it consumed, made it inefficient at best.

Both sides knew it was nearly impossible to create new life without the Matrix...until Shockwave suggested a bold idea: the Autobots and Decepticons would pool their resources to create a number of new Transformers, and then let them decide where their allegiances would fall. In what was perhaps a show of poor judgment, the Autobot leadership agreed.

With a massive influx of energy and secretly utilizing the unfathomable calculations of Vector Sigma itself to develop their other-worldly designs, the Micromasters were created. The grand experiment had the newly developed Micromasters sequestered together in a small city (later the ghetto known as "Little Iacon"), where they were to acclimate to life on Cybertron before choosing sides. However, both the Autobots and Decepticons cut this process shorter than intended, swooping in to select the Micromasters they had already earmarked as their future troops. The confused young Transformers were separated and told that many of their former friends were now their sworn foes.

This series picks up a couple of years after the Micromasters were first segregated into sides. Many have started to chafe under the pressure and indifference of the larger Transformers, who view the whole creation of the Micromasters as just another step in a long and seemingly never-ending war. Struggling to understand a world gone mad, the young Micromasters have developed their own underground society where they can forget the obligations of warfare...but you'll have to check out next issue for that!

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#2 NEXT MONTH

WAVELENGTHS

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Dreamwave PR rep Candice here!
Summer time is here and we all know what that means.. convention season! Even for us, all the way up here in Canada, we are going to try our best to hit all the hot spots this year PACK YOUR BAGS and we'll see you around!

JUN 4 - 6
BOOK EXPO AMERICA
Dreamwave's first appearance at the largest publishing show in North America! We will be there, showing off upcoming trade paperbacks, *PocketBooks* and the highly anticipated *Drew Struzan Oeuvre* art book!

JUN 13 - 14
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That's the Dreamwave itinerary so far, and it looks like it's going to be an awesome summer! Check www.DreamwaveProd.com for any news and updates. Hope to see you there! And if you come say hi to me, I might give you a Dreamwave goodie!

ALEX MILNE

Well, what's there to say? I'm the new guy, or one of many new guys. Of course I don't pay too much attention to what goes on around me. I still don't know everyone who works here, however I attribute that to my overall laziness. I'll get around to meeting everyone sometime... next year.

I started out here as an intern drawing alternate modes for *More than Meets the Eye: Transformers Armada*, which was really cool. I didn't really expect to get a job out of it, but I guess did good enough work that they decided to keep me. Now I enjoy fetching coffee, cleaning toilets ... real honest work.

But with all seriousness, I do enjoy my job and the work I'm given. I like the work environment. Everyone is nice and I respect the opinions they give me. All I have to do is my best at drawing something I loved as a child and when you enjoy something then it isn't hard, its fun. And speaking of fun... the time they found an old copy of *Wizard Magazine* with an art contest that I had won the grand prize for? Well, let's just say I never heard the end of it that day. But hey, I'm used to getting laughed at.

Now, starting with *Transformers Energon* #26, I get to draw actual comics. It's really cool and I can't wait to get started. I just would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends who supported and encouraged me. One in particular who told me I wasn't going to fail and believed I would do something with my life. I'm not sure what I'll be doing, but the vote of confidence was nice.

I must be off now! Lots to do and I can't remember the deadline to have it done by. I wonder if that's a problem?"

Alex Milne
Penciler, *Transformers Energon*

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